

2-26-94 Minutes

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, from the February 22, 1994, regular Council meeting, was held at the Natural Bridge Hotel at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Councilman Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; Assistant to the City Manager Barry Thompson; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton reconvened the meeting.

Mayor Shelton stated that on February 22, 1994, Mr. David Keith was appointed to the City Planning Commission in error, as there is no vacancy currently on the Planning Commission. In order to correct this error, the following action was taken.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that Council reconsider the Consent Agenda from the February 22, 1994 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brookshier, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Councilman Rice made a substitute motion to separate the appointments on the Consent Agenda, those being an appointment of a member to the Regional Library Board and an appointment of a member to the City Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Otey voted upon and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that Council appoint Marsha Melton to the Regional Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Brian Buchanan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Shelton indicated that as there is no unexpired term on the City Planning Commission, there will be no appointment.

Dr. Thomas Muller reviewed a draft of the following report, which was compiled by him: Bedford City - Bedford County, Consolidation, A Fiscal Perspective. Dr. Muller stated that in his view, consolidation into a city would be the most disadvantageous to the City of Bedford. Dr. Muller then reviewed reasons for his opinion on this matter.

A lengthy discussion ensued with Dr. Muller answering questions concerning consolidation.

Mayor Shelton declared a recess for lunch which lasted from 11:48 a.m. until 1:14 p.m.

Councilman Brookshier left the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

On motion by Councilman Tharp, seconded by Councilman Otey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adjourned into executive session for consultation with legal counsel and staff regarding consolidation issues, pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Grahame aye

Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	absent
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 1:15 p.m. Non-council members attending were: City Manager Gross, City Attorney Berry, Assistant to the City Manager Thompson, Clerk of the Council Hatcher, Mr. Carter Glass, and Dr. Thomas Muller.

Mayor Shelton declared a recess which lasted from 2:55 p.m. until 3:20 p.m.

Councilman Brookshier arrived at 4:37 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 5:20 p.m. The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

Councilman Tharp moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Brookshier	aye

Councilwoman Grahame aye

Mayor Shelton aye

Mayor Shelton declared a recess at 5:21 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 1994.